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## SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain of the day is Pastor Ruth Henderson, Brownville, Nemaha United Methodist Churches, Brownville, Nebraska, Senator Vrtiska's district. Pastor.

PASTOR HENDERSON: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you very much, Pastor Henderson, for being with us. We appreciate you being here. I call the thirty-fifth day, Ninety-Eighth Legislature, Second Session, to order. Senators, please check in. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no corrections this morning.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Your Committee on Education reports LB 1048 to General File with committee amendments attached, that report signed by Senator Raikes. And then I have two confirmation reports also offered by Senator Raikes, as Chair of the Education Committee. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 843-849.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I guess I have an announcement. Before we go on with agenda items, we have a special person's birthday today, our very capable Clerk's birthday, Mr. Pat O'Donnell. So let's all wish him a very happy birthday. Happy birthday, Mr. Clerk. First agenda item, legislative confirmation report. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Government Committee offers a report involving the appointment of Jeanne Ross to the State Personnel Board. (Legislative Journal page 791.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, the Government, Military,